

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DISINVESTMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3234  
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2003  
FATE OF LAXMI VILAS PALACE HOTEL  
SUNIL KHAN;VINAY KUMAR SORAKE

**Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a local court has set aside the sale/transfer of Laxmi Vilas Palace Hotel in Udaipur under the ITDC disinvestment programme;
- (b) if so, whether the Court has held that the property belongs to Rajasthan Government; and
- (c) if so, the stand of the Government thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT(SH. SHOURIE)

(a) to (c) The Deputy District Collector, Girwa, Udaipur, in his capacity of Estate Officer has passed orders under the Rajasthan Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1964 on 11.2.2003 holding that Laxmi Vilas Palace is a property of the State of Rajasthan and that M/s Bharat Hotels Ltd and M/s Hindustan Zinc Ltd. are unauthorised occupants. The Estate Officer has further held that the said premises should be vacated and India Tourism Development Corporation Ltd (ITDC), Bharat Hotels Ltd. through Udaipur Hotels Pvt. Ltd and Hindustan Zinc Ltd should pay rent together with arrears, compensation and 6 percent interest thereon to the State Government.

Appeals against the above orders of the Estate Officer dated 11.2.2003 have been filed by ITDC and Bharat Hotels Limited. The District Court, on 4.3.03, has stayed the order dated 11.2.03 of the Estate Officer till final disposal of the appeals.